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### LT. ADAMS WRITES OF LIFE ON BATTLE LINE

### WRITES FROM AERO CAMP NEAR LONDON

The following letter was received from Lieutenant Raymond S. Adams, son of George M. Adams. He gives a very graphic account of life in the trenches and leading men into battle under shell fire.

I was in the big drive you read about. We were in the front line trenches eight days. Just came out last night and didn't realize we had chased the Huns so far until we started back. It has rained every day for two weeks and it surely is a miserable life fighting in the mud. We got by lucky had no trouble handling my men and only lost one. He was slightly wounded in the foot. I sure had a narrow escape and thought many times that we would all be blown to H— but they always missed us a little way.

We captured towns that the Germans had held for four years. The people were sure glad to see us. We also took a lot of German equipment that they left behind. They lost no time in getting out. I never saw such a wonderful system of trenches and fortifications in my life. They had tunnels under the hills from one line to another over a mile long. Some of the dugouts were 90 feet deep and would hold 200 men. And to think we took it all in two days. They must have worked on it for years. Our big guns surely tore them up, some of the shell holes being 10 feet deep and 50 feet across. Some of the shells they sent at us made just as big a hole. I laid in one full of water all night under machine gun fire so I know how big they are. Most any hole looks big when they are shooting at you. Our regiment captured 1700 prisoners alone and altogether we got 8500.

In some of the towns we found over 200 kegs of beer and fancy wine. I guess they had had a gay old time before we came. We had a great time going through the houses and drinking all the beer we could find. We found all kinds of souvenirs but couldn't pack very much back in the mud. Mud was knee deep in all the trenches and the roads were almost as bad.

Haven't had a bath for two weeks and only one change of socks in that length of time. I didn't have my shoes off for eight days and slept as I fought. But feel fine and am getting fat and I'm willing to stick to the end if I'm as lucky as I have been.

Well guess I'll get one more scrap before the snow falls.

Lieutenant Raymond S. Adams,  
Co. L., 104th Inf., A. E. F.  
A. P. O. No. 709 via N. Y.

**PAUL MORTON NOW IN  
CHEMICAL WARFARE CO.**

Paul Morton, who is in France, writes of the conditions over there.

"Will write this but you may be a long time in getting it as the mails are slow and I do not know when I shall get this censored.

We had a very good trip across but was glad to get on land again and straighten out. We have not knocked around a great deal but have seen quite a lot of trench, enough to not care much about it. We have had things fair, lots of hard work and knocks but that is to be expected for there are many of both. The worst is yet to come but we only have time to think of today and not of tomorrow or the next day.

Have been feeling fair and hope I continue to do so, as it is a whole lot easier if one feels good. The general health seems to be good. Our regiment has been very lucky so far in casualties but some day we may get hit hard. The Doughboys are the ones who catch Hell and they surely deserve all the credit they can get.

We have been taken out of the engineers and now are attached to the Chemical Warfare Service. It gives us a better rating and with a general commanding us, which helps a lot in what an outfit gets.

Everything is out of sight here. Eggs are about 90 cents a dozen, butter 80 cents a pound and we are in the country. The cities are worse. It is rather hard to buy much for they do not have it to sell. The Y. M. C. A. canteens sell us most of our needs. Tobacco is issued but it is Bull Durham and chewing tobacco. We can always buy cigarettes from the Y. but we cannot choose our brand as they have only one kind at a time and everyday a different brand. We have had from Pall-Malls to Meccas and tobacco is the only cheap thing. Camels and P. A. are both a dime, or a half franc.

**BILL HARRIS ON  
WAY TO FRANCE**

Donald (Bill) Harris is somewhere on the waters of the Atlantic on one of Uncle Sam's big vessels. George Grantham was taken sick with a case of mumps the day of their departure and hence has been left behind, much to his disgust. George and Bill had labored hard to stay together and after several transfers had gotten together for the final trip to one vessel when fate intervened and handed George a case of mumps to separate them. Let's hope that the future will allow these pals to get together.

"I am getting along just fine and like this branch of the service so much," says Paul Hines, who is now stationed in England. "I am learning fast and my work is very interesting. The discharged soldiers wear wound bars on their civilian clothes and they are numerous.—Censored \* \* \* You would be surprised at the number of troops that are going and coming thru here each day. We flew over town today and I could see long strings of American boys marching to the station on their way to France. I should judge that there were about three thousand. They looked like ants winding around their trails. I had quite a time tracing them and I don't believe I ever did see the end of the line. They march two abreast so you can imagine the long line it must of been.

They are very strict about the lights being lit after dark and every one must be careful about pulling down the shades. The stores all have their window protected by wooden frames to put in front of them. Of course this to protect them from air raids. When they have a raid in London the signal is given by Claxon horns, ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles. Everyone gets out doors or makes a rush for the underground subways.

I don't know when we will leave for France but we will probably be in England for several months longer as we are needed badly here. We are with the Royal Air Force. Now that American machines are arriving in France we are anxious to be with them.

When we first arrived I flew a great deal but since my accident I have not been up. I was up for a short time this morning but I only go up in time of duty now. My machine has been laid up for repairs and the Pilot took me up for a short time this morning to test it out. I like flying very much but do not want to be a pilot. I have seen too much of it since I have been over here.

I like England very well. Of course everything is military and every person is trying to do his or her bit. The people in the states do not realize what this war means. Three other boys and my self gave a dance a few nights ago and several American nurses attended. You do not know how good it seemed to get to dance with an American girl again. They were Eastern girls but I got along fine with them and surely enjoyed myself.

There is an American hospital where we were camped when we first arrived. It is several miles from here and we have so little time for ourselves we don't get to visit with the girls. We call them "Our Girls" and they call us "Our Boys."

**ANDY ALGER GOING  
ACROSS THE WATER**

The following letter was received from Andy Alger formerly with the Central Commercial company, who is now in the marines and stationed at Quantico, Va.

"I wrote you as soon as I arrived here after leaving Paris Island. I guess we leave tomorrow morning at 2 o'clock for somewhere. Some say it will be France and others say we will cross the U. S. on our way to Siberia. We are sure going somewhere as we have our overseas clothes and have turned in all our others. We are only allowed to take our equipment, which consists of 3 blankets, 2 pairs hob-nailed shoes, four pairs of heavy woolen socks, 2 suits heavy woolen underwear, 1 sweater, 1 overcoat, 1 plain coat, 1 trench tool, one-half of a tent, all our toilet articles, 2 towels, our mess gear, which consists of a plate, knife, spoon, a can to carry all coffee in, cup and canteen, and our bayonet and rifle. You see this is about all one person could wish to carry.

I guess I am going to get the chance to go over and I sure hope so. We can't leave our bunks today so as not to give anyone a chance to get away. You see there, are always some who don't want to go when it comes to the real thing.

**SOON TO LEAVE  
FOR TEXAS CAMP**

Stanley George and Emmett Hoffman have been students at the officers training camp at Berkeley, California for the past month, where they are being fitted for service with Uncle Sam. Stanley is soon to leave for training camp in Texas.

**CASE TO TEST  
STATE TAX LAW**

The Standard Oil company of California has begun suit against the State Tax Commission of Arizona and every county, with the exception of Apache, to try out the new state method of taxation. The company sets up that the assessment of taxes is capricious, unwarrantable and whimsical, and asks the federal court to set aside the tax levied against the property of the company.

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## Campbell Denies Babbitt's Charges

"My attention has been called to a letter being addressed to voters of the state and purporting to be signed by George Babbitt, Democratic state chairman, in which it is stated that I have publicly criticized President Wilson in my speeches," said Tom Campbell, who spent a short time in Tucson, Sunday, en route to the southeastern part of the state.

The paragraph in Mr. Babbitt's letter to which I take exception is as follows:

"We must not forget that the Republican nominee for governor has in his campaign speeches publicly criticized President Wilson and his policies and has openly aligned himself with the enemies of our president.

"Before the Liberty loan campaign I made 5 political speeches at Bisbee, Globe, Tucson, Phoenix, Prescott. After that my addresses were devoted to the Liberty loan and I ignored politics entirely. Those who heard me will bear me out when I say that I did not utter a single word which might be construed as criticism of the president of the United States or as aligning myself with the enemies of our president.

"I have addressed a letter to Mr. Babbitt, asking him whether he authorized this false and libelous statement, believing that he should be held to account if he is really responsible for it.

"It is no light thing these days to be charged with being aligned with the enemies of the president of the United States and I cannot conceive that Mr. Babbitt, whom I have always known to be an estimable gentleman would make such a statement when there is not the slightest foundation in fact for it."

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